

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 24A. This sheet, which includes Fig. 24A, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 24A.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 5, 2003. The reference cited therein has not been considered by the Examiner. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initialize the Form PTO 1449 showing consideration the reference cited therein. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have attached a copy of Form PTO 1449.

Claims 1-3, 12-19 and 21-26 are pending; Claims 1, 12, and 21 are amended; no claims are added or canceled herewith; the specification is amended; and the drawings are amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action the drawings are objected to for informalities; the title of the invention is objected to; the Abstract is objected to; Claims 1, 2, 12-18 and 21-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,778,289 to Iwata and U.S. Patent No. 6,130,757 to Yoshida; and Claims 3 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Iwata and Yoshida and further in view of U.S. Patent NO. 6,891,635 to Kawai and U.S. Patent No. 5,506,661 to Hanzawa.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, the noted informalities have been addressed by the present amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

With regard to the objection to the Title and Abstract, the Title and Abstract have been amended by the present amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the Title and Abstract be withdrawn. With regard to the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), those rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach or suggest a printing request administration server configured to connect with the Internet to receive the printing request data transmitted directly from the terminal and to transmit the printing request data directly to the at least one of the facsimile servers and printer servers determined according to the print outputting destination ID, as claimed in Claim 1 and similarly claimed in Claims 12 and 21.

Instead, Iwata discloses that a user transmits a document information transmission request X200 from a computer E102 to a predetermined printer E101. The printer E101 transfers the document information transmission request X200 to the server E103. Upon receiving this request X200, the server E103 sends back document information X201 including the reference information of individual documents managed by the server E103 itself, to the printer E101. The printer E101 then transmits this document information X201 to the computer E102 from which the document information transmission request X200 was issued. Thus, the computer E102 does not transmit a request for information about the documents available in the server E103 directly to the server E103 but through the printer E101.

Accordingly, as discussed above, features recited in the independent claims are not taught or suggested in the applied art. Again, the terminal directly transmits the printing request to the printing request administration server configured to connect with the Internet and the printing request data is directly transmitted to the at least one of the facsimile servers and printer servers determined according to the print outputting destination ID. This is not taught or suggested in the applied art. That is, Iwata discloses that the user should request the reference information of the documents available in the desired server E103 via the predesignated printer E101 whose authenticity can be properly verified by the server E103 and not directly from the server E103.

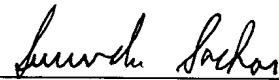
The remaining applied art does not disclose the features discussed above as being deficient in Iwata. Further, the remaining applied art is not relied upon by the Examiner to disclose the features discussed above and therefore, they are not substantively addressed herewith.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claim 1-3, 12-19 and 21-26 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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